

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 of the specification to read as follows.

A specific example of implementation of a sanitary napkin according to the present invention is illustrated in FIGURE 1. The sanitary napkin designated by the reference numeral 10 basically comprises a main body represented by central absorbent pad 12. The central absorbent pad 12 has an imaginary longitudinal centerline 80, an imaginary lateral centerline 85, a pair of opposite longitudinal side edges 90, 90', a first distal end 93 and an opposite second distal end 95 and a central region 94, intermediate the distal ends. Topsheet 14 and backsheet 18 are joined at seam 39 (also commonly referred to as a flange seal) around the entire periphery of sanitary napkin 10. The purpose of this seam is to unite the various elements of the sanitary napkin into a unitary structure. Seam 39 can be formed by any means commonly used in the art for this purpose such as by gluing, crimping, or heat-sealing. Seam 39 is illustrated extending completely around the periphery of sanitary napkin 10; this is suitable for ease of construction. However, other means of uniting the various elements can be used. As shown in FIGURE 2, central absorbent pad 12 comprises absorbent core 16, topsheet 14 and backsheet 18, wherein backsheet 18 is disposed on a side of absorbent core 16 that is opposite that of topsheet 14.

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 10 as follows.

a² It is to be observed that lines of juncture 26 and 26' are the lines along which flaps 24 and 24' are associated with the absorbent core (represented by central absorbent pad 12); as such they represent lines of demarcation between the absorbent core and the flaps. In the embodiment shown in Figures 1 and 3, the lines of juncture 26, 26' are coincident with the preferential bending lines 30, ~~[[30]]~~ 30' in the central region 94 of the central absorbent pad 12.
